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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ARAB SUPPORT ON KURDISH ISSUE

REF: BAGHDAD 252; CAIRO 2609

1. EGYPTIAN CHARGE BARAKA TOLD ME MAY 6 THAT AS FAR AS HE
KNEW NONE OF ARAB AMBASSADORS HAD YET RESPONDED TO GOI
REQUEST OF APRIL 20 FOR SUPPORT AGAINST BARZANI (REFTEL).

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SYRIA, HOWEVER, HAD PERMITTED IRAQI BRIGADE TO CROSS

INTO SYRIAN TERRITORY IN ORDER TO ATTACK AND ENCIRCLE PESH MERGA CONCENTRATION NEAR SINJAR. SINCE IRAQI HAD NOT MADE REQUEST TO ARAB LEAGUE, BARAKA SAID, RESPONSES, IF ANY, WOULD BE INDIVIDUAL, NOT COLLECTIVE.

2. BARAKA SAID HE HAD RECEIVED EGYPTIAN RESPONSE FROM CAIRO, BUT IT IS SO UNFAVORABLE HE IS NOT PASSING IT ON TO GOI. IN ESSENCE, IT IS THAT EGYPT DOES NOT WANT TO BE DRAWN IN TO CONFLICT WITH KURDS AND IF BARZANI OR HIS REPRESENTATIVES VISIT CAIRO, THEY WOULD BE RECEIVED, ALBEIT UNOFFICIALLY. THIS APPEARS TO CONFIRM CAIRO REFTEL THAT GOE-GOI RELATIONS REMAIN ROCKY.

3. TURKISH AMBASSADOR CUHRUK TOLD ME IRAQ HAD IMMEDIATELY APOLOGIZED TO HIM FOR BOMBING ERROR IN SILOPI (ANKARA 3279) AND OFFERED TO COMPENSATE VICTIM'S FAMILIES EVEN THOUGH GOT HAD NOT REQUESTED COMPENSATION. WITH REGARD TO RUMOR THAT TURKEY HAD MET IRAQI REQUEST FOR USE OF ITS AIR SPACE ALONG BORDER, CUHRUK SAID IT ABSOLUTELY FALSE AND THERE HAD BEEN NO SUCH IRAQI REQUEST.

4. BARAKA ALSO SAID HE HAD REQUEST FROM CAIRO ASKING IF EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE ANY EVIDENCE SUPPORTING EGYPTIAN INTELLIGENCE REPORTS THAT IRAQ PROVIDING LARGE SUMS OF MONEY TO PALESTINIANS AND ANTI-SADAT ELEMENTS.
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